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## A Stamp Collector's Farewell

From The Saturday Evening Post

The King of Spain no more will reign.  
Ah, why must world affairs move on so?  
In honest truth, from early youth  
I've always liked Alfonso.

Some stamps of mine, marked '89,  
First bore the infant king's complexion;  
With brush and paste I deftly placed  
His likeness in the proper section.

After some years, he next appears  
In uniform—and so unbending!  
His youthful stamp suggests a camp  
Or training school that he's attending.

I watch him grow, by stages slow,  
To man's estate, through each new issue.  
I see him flash his first mustache—  
Ah, King Alfonso, how I'll miss you!

Though my esteem for your regime  
Is but the fruit of stamp collecting,  
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And truly find your loss affecting.

Norman R. Jaffray.

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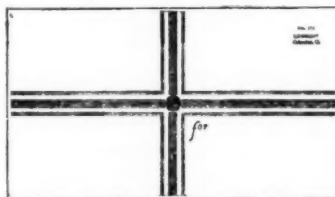
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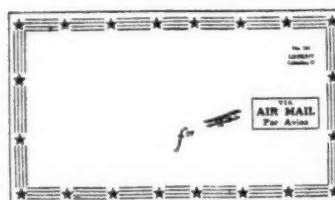
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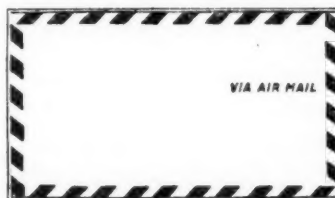
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## Postoffices, Postmasters and Postmistresses of Other Days



**A**FTER the Civil War there were a good many postmistresses appointed. Some were appointed to carry on after the death of a husband and others were daughters of soldiers.

Miss Amanda B. Shaver managed the Post Office at Wegee, Ohio, from 1864 to 1892. Receipts varied from \$8.00 to \$61.00 per year. She answered her door bell as many as forty times a day when her pay had amounted to one or two cents.

Some Post Offices were kept in sitting rooms of the homes. At Al-moral, Iowa, during the Civil War mail was brought on horseback 40 miles away from East Dubuque, once a week. The citizens subscribed for a daily paper which was brought by a special messenger and after work hours the people would gather at the Post Office to hear it read. The Postmaster tells of a neighboring postmaster who managed his office at a loss, returning from work one evening to find that his wife, tired of having the post office in the front room, removed the whole outfit to the front yard.

Some postmasters were appointed without their knowledge. Their friends would send in petitions. Often the salary was under \$25.00 per year. David Brobst of Marcy, Ohio, found that the running of his postoffice cost him \$500 the first ten years he ran it. He paid to have the mail brought to his office from Lithopolis, five miles away, once a week. Later he secured a tri-weekly mail from South Bloomfield, eleven miles away. He finally was allowed \$3.00 a quarter for carrying the mails.

E. P. Page, postmaster at Ingersol, Texas, had four babies come

to his home at once. Studebaker Bros. sent him a wagon, a woman sent him a check for \$300. He resigned the postmastership job and went on the road exhibiting his babies. But he got tired of this and wanted the postmaster job back but being a Democrat and the Republicans were in office he was afraid he could not get it but he got endorsed for postmaster. He said his babies were all girls and they might marry Republicans.

Roswell Beardsley, postmaster of North Lansing, N. Y., was appointed in 1828 and received \$19.53 the first year. He was still in the service in 1892 and his salary was then \$170 per year.

At Ingraham, Ill., they were receiving one mail per week and often neighbors going to Louisville, 14 miles away, would bring the mail saving the contractor making the trip whose pay was only a few cents a trip. A petition was gotten up to receive the mail from another office daily and some patrons reluctantly signed it, stating they did not see the use of mail every day, and thought it an imposition on the government. At that time the rate of postage was 5c for 300 miles or less, and 10c for over 300 miles. When letters came unpaid frequently the party addressed would not pay the postage, and the letter would be sent to the Dead Letter Office. It was not infrequent for one person who had a spite against another to send him a large letter with postage due, and when the letter was opened, was found to contain waste paper, or something of that kind. The same thing was done as a joke among friends.

J. H. Trueblood, postmaster of Canton, Ind., said that during the Civil War a band of Morgan raiders came whooping and firing their guns. They soon filled the store

room and postoffice. They robbed the store of \$400 worth of goods and took the mail. Next morning he found all the mail in the corner, letters all opened.

Chauncey Carpenter, who worked in the Vermont, N. Y., postoffice in 1834 says the rates of postage as he remembers was: 6½c for less than 30 miles, 10c from 30 to 80 miles, 12½c over 80 miles and under 150 miles, 18½c over 150 and less than 400 miles, and over 400 miles 25c. Most letters were not paid. Letters had to be put in wrappers, with a waybill inclosed showing the amount of postage. It may be imagined the labor that was required in making up the quarterly report, as a large per cent of the letters sent were entered singly, and yards of columns of figures, with fractions of cents to be footed up. During his administration the registry system was started, the fee being 5c and the letter marked "registered" which in theory was to entitle it to receive extra care from those who handled it, but practically it was an advertisement to any thief what letters to select. It was probably safer not to register a valuable letter than to register it.

Washington Hildreth, postmaster of Lock, Ohio, had their mail brought from Horner, 15 miles away, twice a week. The pay of the carrier to bring the mail was raised by subscription.

John Lemmax, postmaster of Whigville, Ohio, got his mail for his country store postoffice 4 miles away. He used to hire a boy to go after it once a week. In wartime southern sympathizers used to jibe him, saying that he was very foolish to work for a defunct government with an unconstitutional president, as he never would receive any pay. In 1886, Mr. Lemmax received a statement that the

audits of his accounts from 1875 to that time showed that the Department was indebted to him for \$2.33.

A. G. Shoemaker, postmaster of Rockville, Kans., tells that during the Civil War he would put the mail in a bushel basket and hide it away when troops of the Confederates were in the vicinity.

Jacob Horner, postmaster at Hancock, Ind., has a letter from the First Assistant Postmaster General dated June 1, 1872, which assigned his office to fifth class and fixed his salary at \$9.00 per annum, and the postmaster was permitted to apply on the salary of a mail carrier between Hancock and Fredericksburg, a town four miles away, two-thirds of his \$9.00.

Elihu Phillips, postmaster of Texas, W. Va., for 35 years calculates that his experience in the postal service has cost him \$1,000 at least. He is a farmer, and his work is much interfered with by the arrival of the mails.

Wm. H. Wallace, postmaster at Hammondsville, Ohio, who was also express agent states that storekeeper postmasters in those early days had to take produce for postage due on letters. Butter was 6½¢ a pound, and eggs 5¢ a dozen. A 25¢ letter took four pounds of butter, 5 dozen eggs, two bushel of oats, two bushel of potatoes or about two-thirds of a bushel of wheat.

The postmaster of Bald Knob, W. Va., was robbed by the Confederates and taken prisoner. \$16.06 in stamps, all that he had, was taken. After the war he was again appointed postmaster and out of his first year's salary \$16.06 was deducted by the Department.

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By Capt. A. C. Townsend

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I am pleased with it, sir. It took my beloved country just 149 years to so honor me, and I have often wondered if it was because I was a spy that I was not so honored before. And yet I volunteered for that duty at the personal request of Genl. Washington. What do you think?

Certainly not, Mr. Hale! Everyone knows that you assumed one of the most difficult tasks a patriot could essay. Your memory is enshrined in the hearts of your countrymen, and the whole world will never forget your last ringing words—"I regret that I have but one life to lay down for my country."

I thank you, young sir; I thank you deeply. May I ask your age? Twenty years? Ah, lad, you are beginning your life at the age at which I laid mine down in the service of my country. I had hardly graduated from college. You may be familiar with the fact that I was Yale, 1773. And that reminds me, my college has never honored me to any extent, except for a rather vociferous song entitled "Hale, Hale, the gang's all here."

And you are satisfied with your picture on a stamp of such a low denomination, Mr. Hale?

It is very appropriate, my lad; eminently so. When I entered the British lines as a spy I knew my life was not worth a ha'penny, so my picture on the ha'penny stamp is correctly placed, if you will pardon the jest. And again, it rates me as half the man Ben Franklin was, he being pictured on the penny stamp, so I am honored beyond my deserts.

Anything further to say, Mr. Hale?

Nothing lad, except a word of advice. I see you wear these popular soft collars. Stick to them, my boy, stick to them. The last collar I wore was a hempen one, and I assure you it was far from comfortable. You are a bright lad; I see that you caught the little witicism at once. Your college was Princeton, I presume. Good day.

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Latvia, No. 253-254				\$1.75
Lebanon No. 201-204				1.75
No. 205-208	.90;	No. 217-220		.45
No. 221-224	.70;	No. 233-237		5.00
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Lithuania No. 408-414				.65
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No. 906-911	\$1.50;	No. 913-917		.70
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No. 704-706	2.30;	No. 707-708		.50
No. 721-722				1.10
Panama				
No. 256-257	.30;	No. 701		.50
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# RED CROSS PLATE NUMBERS

By  
Ralph A. Kimble

## Chapter VI

Seven straight days of 100 degree weather (if it can be dignified by such a name) has failed to dim the enthusiasm over this quest for new numbers. Thirty-two new letters have come in from friends all over the United States, and even one from Porto Rico where our good friend George Chapman enhances the scenery. The result is that we have located fifteen out of the eighteen missing combinations reported last week, leaving only three more to complete the story. Here are the new combinations reported, which, added to our five preceding chronicles, will give all that have been found to date:

Black	Red
20466	2047-8-9-95-7
20467	20447-501
20468	20446-9-93-4-502
20469	20446-502-3

To date, then, we know that out of the 400 possible combinations

there have been actually printed 397. Here are the three missing ones, and let's see who can report them first:

Black	Red
20457	20502
20468	20501
20469	20500

Bear in mind that there is a strong possibility that an additional fifty million of these stamps may be printed — in fact they may have appeared by the time this is printed. If that is the case there is every probability that the sixteen new plate numbers (eight black and eight red) may come into use, in which case the chase will be on in earnest. We particularly urge that you all be on the lookout for new numbers and report them to us as soon as you see them. To refresh your memory we re-state below all of the plates which have been used in printing the first fifty million, twenty black and twenty red. If you see any new numbers that are not in this list, or if you see any of the three missing combinations reported above — let me know immediately. Here are the plates which have gone to press thus far:

Black
20434-5-6-7-8-9-10-1
20450-1-2-3-4-5-6-7
20466-7-8-9
Red
20445-6-7-8-9
20489-90-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9
20500-1-2-3

And here are the new members of our Honor Roll who helped send in the information this week. May their number increase and multiply. Remember, send all news to Ralph A. Kimble, 8118 Dante Ave., Chicago, Ill. Here they are: — W. L. Appleton, Mrs. D. E. Armitage, E. F. Bauer, Jr.; R. C. Casselberry, George S. Chapman, C. C. Clark, Rev. W. B. DeChant, Francis R. Dodge, N. E. Durea, William DuShay, R. W. Ellenberger, Albert E. Gorham, C. A. Goss, C. W. Harris, Mrs. Eva L. Herzler, Thomas M. Laird, Warren MacKenzie, Clinton McGee, Sten G. Nyberg, C. A. Olson, H. S. Parsons, P. L. Pierce, Robert S. Sales, Milton Sandler, H. C. Shanholtz, George T. Schulze, H. M. Slicer, Edward Smith, R. H. Stephens, John J. Terry, Mrs. R. E. Wallace, Harry F. Weber.

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2586	2c	Columbian	.06
2589	10c	Columbian	.40
2625	2c 1903	on buff	.07
2637	5c 1907	on white	.18
2641	4c 1907	on amber	.13
2642	5c 1907	on amber	.17
2645	2c 1907	on buff	.05
2650	2c 1907	on blue	.05
2661	2c on white,	error "Postage"	1.00
2662	3c on white		.15
2682	1c on brown glazed		.08
2684	2 on 3c surcharged		.35
2685	2 on 3c surcharged		.50
2687	2 on 3c surcharged		.10
2695	2 on 3c surcharged		.07
2697	2 on 3c surcharged		.10
2699	2 on 3c surcharged		.07
2721	1½ on 1c surcharged		.17
2725	1½ on 1c surcharged		.07
2727	1½ on 1c surcharged		.40
2728	1½ on 1c surcharged		.07
2734	1½ on 1c (cat. \$1.50)		.50
2734	1½ on 1c surcharged		.20
2736	1½ on 1c surcharged		.33
2737	1½ on 1c surcharged		.33
2738	1½ on 1c surcharged		.33
2739	1½ on 1c surcharged		.07
3037	4c 1903 wrapper		.30
3204	3c P. O. Dept. on lemon		.05
3205	6c P. O. Dept. on lemon		.10
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217	50c violet brown & black		.05
218	1s greenish blue & black		.10
219	2s deep ultra. & black	2.00	.30
220	5c blue & black	.08	.05
221	5c brown & black	.12	.05
1921			
226	7c violet	.15	
227	10c ultramarine	.15	
228	12c black & slate	.25	
229	20c carmine & gray blk.	.50	
230	50c violet brown & dull violet	.75	.30
231	1 sol carmine rose & green	1.25	.65
1924			
233	4c on 5c ultra. & black	.08	
234	2c olive green	.03	.02
235	4c yellow green	.04	.03
236	5c black	.10	.04
237	10c carmine	.10	.03
238	20c ultramarine	.25	.10
239	50c dull violet	.50	.40
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A FORECAST AND A RECORD

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EDITED BY

RAY SHEPARD, 1529 DUXBERRY AVE., COLUMBUS, O.

**UNITED STATES**—Variety of Kansas overprint. David W. Angvine, of McPherson, Kansas, has submitted for our inspection, a copy of the one cent stamp of this series, in which the lettering is about a half millimeter shorter in height than the originals. Who knows about this? He does not state as to where he obtained same, or if he has other copies of it. Has some local printer been given a job, or were there two printings? The type, while similar, differs some from the original.

**AUSTRALIA**—A permanent 6d. Air Mail Stamp is to follow the Kingsford Smith design, except that the word "SIXPENCE", will replace the phrase "Kingsford-Smith World Flights".

(Philatelic Magazine)

**AUSTRIA**—A new die, about 1 mm. wider than the original, is now in use for printing the current pictorial 1 sch. The impression is clearer, color darker and the stamp itself a little larger. No wmk. Perf. 12½. Color sepia.

(Philatelic Magazine)

**BELGIUM** — A new value has appeared in the Parcel Post stamps.

PP13 1,70fr. red brown, unwmk. perf. 13½.

(Economist Stamp Co.)

Brussels Exhibition Stamp will be issued July 18. It will show a portrait of Prince Leopold in the uniform of a corporal of the 12th Regiment of the Line. The stamp will have a franking value of 2.45fr., plus a surcharge of 55c in aid of war charities.

(Philatelic Magazine)

**BOLIVIA** — The 45c stamp recorded in the April 25th issue of this column, has appeared and is found to be the Map type, in place of the Volcano.

A71 45c orange. perf. 14, unwmk.

(Economist Stamp Co.)

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA** — Is the stamp listed below, the same one chronicled in Scott's Monthly for March? If so, we cannot agree as to the color. Coil Stamp.

A37 1K Rose red; perf. 10 vert. unwmk.

(Economist Stamp Co.)

**GERMANY**—Mr. L. M. Merritt, of Columbus, O., has shown us the new 1 mark Zeppelin, that was chronicled in our June 13th issue.

**GUATEMALA**—The 6c rose red Air Post Stamp and the 4c postage Scott's No. 237 have both been overprinted. The 4c overprint being "Aereo Exterior 1931" and the 6c "Exterior 1931".

(Philatelic Magazine)

**IRISH FREE STATE**—The 2d stamp noted in our last week's issue, was issued on June 12, according to:

(Philatelic Magazine)

**NEW GUINEA**—Officials. The 1½d. value has been overprinted "O. S."

(Philatelic Magazine)

**NICARAGUA**—More provisionals! Scott's No. 499, with the added overprint in violet C\$ 0.02, above the word "Correos"; No. 499, with a black bar thru "1928" and surcharged in black below the bar "1931"; No. 499, with "Official C\$ 0.05 1931", with the black bar thru "1928".

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**PORTUGAL**—St. Anthony Commemoratives appeared as per schedule:

15c St. A's birth room in Lisbon  
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(Philatelic Magazine)

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(Economist Stamp Co.)

## FRAUDS STOPPED BY THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

The Post Office Department is ever on the alert to prevent the use of the mails to fraudulently secure money from its patrons. Inspectors are ever on the job and nearly every week sees some business being denied the use of the mails and its managers prosecuted.

A few of the frauds of the past that the post office has stopped are: An advertisement reading: "For one dollar a receipt would be given for stammering." When the dollar was sent the receipt was returned, which simply read, "Keep your mouth shut."

A very glowing advertisement appeared of a book, "Exclusively for young unmarried people, both gentlemen and ladies"; the price was \$5.00. For the \$5.00 a cheap edition of the Bible was sent.

Circulars were sent to a large number of farmers offering to send a corn-sheller free, if they would remit \$5.00 to pay for the expenses of packing and shipping; the only consideration asked in return being that they should exhibit the sheller to their neighbors and induce them to buy. A large number sent for the shellers and received for their \$5.00 a piece of hoop iron by mail.

The Monarch Laundry Works advertised to give away 1,000 washing machines just to introduce them if you sent 60c for packing. The persons sending 60c received a tin tube, six inches long, packed in a paper box.

A large number of yards of silk remnants was advertised for \$1.00. When the \$1.00 was sent the people received silk thread instead of cloth.

## IT MUST BE THE HEAT

Whether the stamp collectors of Pittsburgh are actually suffering from the heat or whether they have not yet got over their celebration of June 13th and 14th we are unable to state, however in order that the story may be known to the world we reprint the following clipping sent by Mr. Clinton McGee of Pittsburgh, and our readers can judge for themselves.

A "scrap of paper" worth exactly \$15,000 was destroyed by a negro boy here in anger because he believed he was cheated in the exchange by which he procured the valuable document for a handful of canceled stamps.

Dr. Kenneth M. Day, a philatelist, who tracked down the valuable paper—actually an envelope bearing the seal of the postmaster of Alexandria, Va., and dating to pre-Revolution days—found the remnants scattered to the four winds on an ash-pile.

By chance, Dr. Day discovered that the valuable envelope had been given away by its owner who believed it worthless, to a small boy. The first recipient traded the paper with another lad who passed it on to the negro boy for a handful of cancelled foreign stamps. The latter tore it up in anger.

The original owner of the envelope found it in a collection of ancestral documents.

It will be noted that the newspaper boys as usual had to go away back before the Revolution in thinking of this item. The Alexandria stamp was a product of 1845.

## PROSPERITY LETTERS

Many suggestions for meeting the postal deficit reach Postmaster General Brown from time to time. All of them prove interesting but hardly practicable.

A communication was received from New York City by one signing himself "A. Dollar". It was enclosed in an envelope to which was attached a one dollar stamp.

"From recent reports in the daily press," wrote this individual, "I have learned that the Postal Service faces a deficit of many millions. Such a situation can be remedied and should be done by every citizen of our country. I intend to write to editors, patriotic organizations and prominent people all over the states to mail a letter with a one dollar stamp on it. My slogan will be 'Send a Dollar Prosperity letter.' I hope to get the radio people to announce, 'Did you send your prosperity letter yet?'"

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## A Plea for the Simple Life in Stamp Collecting

The following "Editorial" published in the July Bulletin of the Sandusky Stamp Club has so much of good sound common sense scattered through it that we are taking the liberty of reprinting it here.

### Editorial

It is quite pleasing to note the trend of local collectors in returning to the collection of foreign stamps. When an individual starts to collect stamps, you will most always find him a general collector interested in stamps of the world. He collects to a certain point, having a lot of real pleasure, then he meets several collectors of experience who have a little more cash to spend in making up a collection, and who actually know the value of their collection.

After talking a little while with collectors of this type the satisfied fellow starts to change his collection. Most always he is shown a fine up-to-the-minute United States specialized collection that he could never expect to own. This changes his views and ideas. Without the thought of cost and labor, he immediately gets sour on his method of collecting and goes out without thought trying to beat the other fellow by specializing in stamps of the United States.

He works at this for a little while with wonderful success trading, buying and having desirable items given to him to help him along in his accumulation. After months of collecting and he is unable to buy the higher priced items of the older issues, he has to give up his hobby for lack of funds, which creates a lack of interest, as he cannot show the size of a collection that his friends have.

Some years ago there were several fellows in this city who had fair collections of which they were very proud. Later they had the pleasure of looking over more interesting and larger collections, of which they tried to imitate. Later some of these fellows grew tired of their mixed collections and started to specialize mostly in stamps of the United States. Now we find these fellows, after changing their methods of collecting several times, going back to their old method and making over their first collections.

They have seen their mistake by experience, which has cost them money, time and pleasure.

The trend is back to the general collection, and the sooner the collector wakes up that this is where his collecting pleasure rests, the

more advanced in the stamp collecting hobby he will get.

Another desire that every collector gets some time in his life is to become a dealer. After trying this experiment, he will be out money and to a certain extent sour on his fellow stamp collector. Nine times out of ten his experiment is very costly and winds up eventually with a worthless lot of stock that places him in a position where he does not go back to the collection of stamps where he belongs. Unless he is on to the methods and can stand a lot of grief, he should never risk his valuable time and funds trying to become a full-fledged successful stamp dealer.

There is a very little pleasure in business. We start to collect stamps for pleasure, then why turn it into a business where you can not succeed and spoil your pleasure. Let the man who has given his life to this hobby conduct his business, he can have pleasure in business, as he is established and knows how to run his line from experience.

Let's all wake up before it is too late that the only way to derive a pleasure from a hobby is to continue to make it a hobby. If we should start to sell stamps for a living, then do not try to use stamps for a hobby. It can not be done. Start to collect insects or shells or leaves or grow flowers for your hobby and derive the pleasures it affords.

Let's all look back to the time we started to collect our first little book of poorly centered, heavy cancelled, torn postage which we pasted on our book leaves with mucilage. Those are the days that we actually derived pleasure from our hobby. We had no catalogue to look for a raise in the price, we had no desire to make our hobby pay dividends, we had no thought of becoming rich over night by obtaining an old issue that the King of England could not get.

We did not buy stamps newly issued by the sheet and then look for a dot or a dash or a line.

We traded for the stamps we did not have, we had stamps given to us, we had friends who thought we were queer, but usually these friends turned out to be collectors also, and we had many a pleasant evening talking about countries, animals, birds and kings that we did not know anything about. We did not talk about the cost, the condition and how many stamps we could sell at a profit. We had our hobby at heart and derived the benefits to be obtained.

Let's all who have gone through this experience try and drive it home to the new collector and be-

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By W. J. Kirby

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"Yes," I replied.

"I have just been examining an antique desk I recently purchased, and have come across a secret drawer that has a number of letters in it, some without stamps and others with quite odd ones. Would you care for them?"

I assured her that I would, and started out, visions of stampless covers and postmasters' locals floating through my mind. Arriving at the home of my neighbor, she ushered me into her library.

"See," she explained, "you only need to press this bit of carving here, and this drawer flies open."

Talk about a sight for sore eyes! There in a small drawer lay more than a dozen stampless covers of the period before the War between the States, together with a few patriotic envelopes of that period, and three of the scarce St. Louis Bears! A veritable fortune lay before my eyes! To say I was dumbfounded is putting it mildly. Longingly I fondled them.

"Do you have any of these?" asked Mrs. Larkin, picking up a copy of the Bear.

"Ye gods! No." I ejaculated. "Only a few of the millionaire collectors have those. Why, Mrs. Larkin, those are worth more money than my entire collection."

"Then you may have them," she said. "I know nothing of stamps, and the desk is worth more to me than I paid for it. I have gotten my money's worth."

"But, woman," I interrupted, "you are giving away a small fortune. I'll help you market them."

But, no, she had gotten her money's worth, and she did not care for stamps. As to their value, even though she was too polite to say so, it was very plain that she thought me a bit "balmy." Finally, I took the envelopes, more convinced than ever that one must be completely nutty to fool with antiques. At least one was.

Clutching the little bundle tightly, I made the fabled seven league boots look like the baby's first steps on my way home.

While I was raving wildly about them and showing them to the wife, the telephone rang again.

"Quit raving, and answer the phone," the wife advised. She doesn't care as much for stamps as I.

"Hello! Hello!" I called into the transmitter.

"Hello, yourself!" said the wife, punching me in the ribs with her elbow. "Get up and turn that alarm clock off."

Hang those intermittent alarms, anyhow.

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(The Moral to this story is "Sleep in Twin Beds". Ed.)

## HERE IS ANOTHER ONE

In our May 30th issue we printed a story by Captain Townsend in which he used as an illustration, a list of prices on Confederate stamps of years ago. Immediately after publication of this story we had a letter from Atlanta from a collector who claims to have ordered some of the stamps and had his letter returned from the postmaster at Richmond with information that the party was unknown. Now another letter comes from Winchendon, Mass., the home of the Treasurer of the American Philatelic Society in which the writer advises that he sent a money order for \$2.40 for some of the stamps and has failed to get a reply. He does not state whether his letter was returned but if not, possibly Mr. Kohn has risen from his grave and is still doing business with the stamps.

What we cannot understand is how anyone would be so tight as to buy only \$2.40 worth of stamps offered at such ridiculous figures. There certainly is room for missionary work by Mr. Elliott in his home town.

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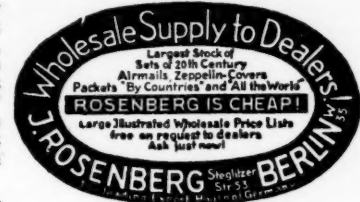
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While others may howl about the depression, hard times or even the weather, Linn's Weekly goes right on producing business for dealers who are up and after it.

We have had visible proof in the past week that what we claim is true.

A reader of this paper took a fancy to an offer of an European dealer, the correspondence that followed has just resulted in a sale of a \$250.00 order to this collector by the European dealer.

We know this for the very reason that we have been asked to act as intermediary for the exchange of the stamps for the money. It has just been our pleasure to receive from Europe the desired stamps which have been sent the collector and we have his draft for \$250 plus \$2.00 carriage to complete the transaction.

The advertising which sold this

order was six insertions of a four inch advertisement some weeks ago, which cost the dealer the sum of \$24.00. It is possible to believe that with a single sale of this size of which we have had visible evidence that there must have been numerous smaller sales, all in all amounting to a goodly sum for an expenditure of but \$24.00 in advertising space.

It is quite satisfying at times, to learn of such sales. They keep the publisher happy in the knowledge that even the 25c per year boys have money to spend.

**THAT JUST REMINDS ME** Probably a great many of our readers know that the Editor, prior to his present occupation of running a printing plant and producing this paper as a part of the business, used to be a full time stamp dealer. Due to the experience gained in the fifteen years spent at that business, he is fully aware of the situations which the dealer must face and has a knowledge of relations between collector and dealer that allows him to see either side of a case. When we put the subscription price of this paper at 25c per year, some publications which we have already passed in circulation, lowered themselves by making remarks that it wasn't worth any more and that it would probably get the 25 cent collectors as subscribers.

To one who has any knowledge of costs, the Saturday Evening Post at a nickel a copy is even cheaper in price than this paper at 25c per year, yet as everyone who knows much of anything, knows, the S. E. P. is the greatest magazine in the world and has a finer clientele of readers than any other publication, bar none. We refer to the Great American Public.

These things are just pointed out to show that it is folly to judge things by dollars and cents, for when the Editor was actively engaged in the stamp trade, the best customer on our list was a youth, the son of a California Fruit Grower, who originally answered one of our "kid" advertisements in a boys' magazine.

We cultivated the prospect, we carried him with us for years and we sold him heaps of stamps which his daddy paid for.

**AGAIN THE COMMON HERD** gets it in the neck. The Ohio Legislature has just added a tax of one cent per ten cigarettes to the already large tax that the Government collects. The Government tax is 6c on each pack of twenty fags and with 2c for the State of Ohio, half your cigarette money will be for taxes. The tax is to be collected by stamps affixed to the packages, we understand.

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**ONE SIGN OF BUSINESS DE-**velopment is apparent in the order that was recently placed by the Government for 1500 Ford Truck Chassis, for the Postoffice department. Had we been consulted on the matter we would have recommended the new Reo ton and a half truck in the hope that we could have helped get our Reo stock back to normal again.

**ALL DURING JULY THE CITI-**zens of Canada will have to lick two stamps in place of one to mail their letters as the new 3c postage rate which went into effect July 1st, caught the department unprepared and without a stock of 3c stamps.

**WELL, THAT WON'T BE HALF** as hard on the Canadians, living in a wet country such as they do as it would be on citizens of this arid land.

## Buro Prints

Information regarding new issues and notes of interest should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.

**C. C. WEBER** Editor  
5008 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

Trenton, N. J. ord. 1½ FV  
Chatanooga, Tenn., ord. 1½ FV

C. C. Fisher and Lawrence Bros.

Buro Catalog No. 8 comes on a visit dressed up in a green coat much after the fashion of No. 5. A stocky little book that is better constructed than any of the previous issues. Well printed and a hasty examination shows a lack of errors that were so numerous in No. 7. The foreword has been slightly added to, and we note an interesting paragraph relative to elongated type, wide bars, etc. Coil pair variety prices have been adjusted.

Great stress has been laid on prices with reference to condition. Every other page from No. 9 to No. 93 carries a footnote reminding the reader that quoted prices refer to 100% condition.

The Net and Gross price controversy has gained strength as we find a page asking for opinions on this procedure.

All in all Dr. Mitchell is to be congratulated on his 8th Buro catalog.

A few random notes from No. 8:—  
2124 major varieties.  
87 minor varieties (either listed or referred to.)

2211 making a nifty collection.

The well known depression did not do so much damage to buros. Some few took it on the chin but many enjoyed boosts. The Martha fours seemed to take a general rise. A few standouts. SINGLES only.

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Your no period now worth 30c.

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New Orleans exp. 6c from \$250.00 down to \$150.00.

Springfield exp. only 1 change 11c from \$40.00 up to \$65.00.

Sauk Center 1c coil no change.

Jackson, Miss. 10c B11 coil from 35c up to 75c.

Liberty coils no change.

Fulton, N. Y., 1½ coil no change.

Schenectady coils set from \$1.55 DOWN to 70c.

Tonawanda 1½ coil from \$1.50 up to \$4.00.

Columbus, Ohio, 2c comp. from \$2.50 up to \$4.00.

Okla. City, the B1 from \$5.00 to \$8.00.

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# AIR MAIL FLASHES

EDITED BY H. G. KINGDOM, CONNEAUT, OHIO

This department belongs to our readers and we ask you to send all information received to the Editor as soon as possible and same will be acknowledged

## Around the World

With Gatty and Post hopping off this morning (July 1st) from Edmonton, Alberta, for New York, it looks as these boys would be successful and cut the time of the Graf Zeppelin from twenty days down to nine days. This was surely one of the great events of aviation for this year. Newspapers state that they are carrying one thousand covers, which will be autographed by them, stamped and postmarked in each country, which they visited. These will surely make nice souvenirs of this event, and we expect some enterprising dealer will soon be offering them for sale.

Perhaps before they reach New York, Pilots Herndon and Pangburn will have started on their attempt to make a similar flight in still less time, however, these successive flights will none have the same glamour, as that of the "boys" who did it first.

## Hinton Tour

The tour of Lieut. Walter Hinton, for the last ten months, under the guidance of the Exchange Clubs, has done much to create interest in aviation, and we believe also in cover collecting. Hinton was pilot of the NC-4, the first Trans-Atlantic seaplane, flew to Rio de Janeiro and spent a year and one-half exploring the jungles, and still with all his exploits, has been very much interested in collector's covers, during his tour, never refusing to autograph any cover which was asked. He said the National Exchange Club was going to photograph all of the covers, from all cities, which commemorated his tour. If we had known the scope and extent of this, more of us would have covered all of the cities which he visited.

June 24th he was at Ashtabula, Ohio, and on short notice the Exchange Club sponsored a nice red cachet, only about 150 covers being mailed.

June 25th, he was at Erie, Pa.,

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and a good cachet in blue was used by the club there.

## Canada

Former notices of cancellation of air mail contracts by Canada, does not mean complete suspension of service, but readjustments in the service and new contracts to be made.

## Brazil Stamps

It is reported that when the DO-X leaves Brazil for the U. S. that all mail from that country will be franked with special stamps to commemorate that flight.

## National Balloon Races

These are run for the Paul Litchfield cup and will leave Akron, Ohio, on July 18th, the winner competing in the International Balloon Races later. We feel sure

### NEW ROUTE—ACT QUICK

Effective July 20th, Route A.M. 2, Chicago to St. Louis, will be extended to Memphis, Tenn.

Postmaster at Memphis will be provided with suitable cachet.

that the good Chamber of Commerce of that city will commemorate this with suitable marking of air mail. It's worth a trial anyway.

## Huntington, W. Va.

Due to change of schedule, the National Air Tour will visit that city on July 8th instead of July 22nd, so if you have not sent in covers before this, don't send any now.

## Items

Long Beach, Calif., airport dedication is set for July 17th and 18th and a cachet will be used. Send to H. E. Ward, 12 Pine Avenue.

Col. Lindbergh announces that he will start his Oriental trip probably the latter part of July. If he uses Seattle, Wash., as a starting point, that city will have a cachet

and A. C. Tarr, 909 W. Lee St., offers to handle covers.

Fort de France, Martinique, may be added to F. A. M. 6 if pending negotiations are completed, but the actual start of service may be a few months off yet.

Paul Siple, and perhaps Byrd, will be at Kingston, N. Y., August 5th and the Colonial Y Philatelic Club will sponsor a cachet. W. E. Gaffken, 317 Clinton St., will take care of covers for you, or send to Henry S. Van Der Zee, 65 E. Pierpont St.

For the Michigan Air Tour, nice cachets were used for the start and finish at Grand Rapids, and Ironwood used a very good one also. Thanks to L. B. Wood for a number of fine covers of this event, some of which bore many good autographs. The next day after the finish, June 28th, an Air Circus was staged at Grand Rapids, and a good circular cachet used, however only 18 covers were mailed. Ironwood mailed 563 covers for the visit there.

Mr. Glover predicts that the autogyro windmill plane will be used in the mail service to carry air mail from the airfields, and land it on the roofs of post office buildings in the future.

Co-operators; Henry S. VanDer Zee, Milton Rothmann, W. E. Gaffken, M. de F. Spinola, M. F. McCamley, Donald McSweeney, L. B. Wood, A. F. Shaw, John L. Garland, H. W. Aaron, Richard Stewart, R. W. Fogle, Ralph E. Moffet, D. E. Dickason, M. S. Petty, and W. G. Mendenhall.

## ATLANTIC CITY CACHET

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go to Cachet Director of the Chamber of Commerce or to C. E. Wolfinger, in care of Second National Bank at Atlantic City. Mr. Wolfinger is Treasurer of the Atlantic City Philatelic Society.

## SIXTEEN AIR MAIL ROUTE EXTENSIONS

Under date of July 1, the post-office department announce sixteen new Air Mail Route Extensions. The first of these to become effective is the route from New York to Atlantic City, N. J., which starts operation July 10th.

The routes which are listed below will be opened just as quickly as preparations for their operation can be made.

St. Louis to Memphis; Cheyenne to Denver; Fort Worth to Amarillo; Boston, Portland to Bangor; El Paso to Albuquerque; Omaha, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, to Watertown, South Dakota; New York to Kansas City; Pueblo to Albuquerque; Pueblo to Amarillo; Albany to Springfield to Boston; Albany to New York; Albany to Cleveland; Philadelphia to Atlantic City; Washington to Atlantic City; New York to Atlantic City, and Cleveland to Nashville. All except the last named route will be a round trip service daily.

With the new service in effect the total length of the air mail routes in the United States will be 29,586 miles.

With these new routes operating there will be a total of 84,771 miles flown each day. This will place the United States far in the lead and any nation in the world in the number of miles flown daily by the operators of air transportation.

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## AIR MAIL NEWS--IMPORTANT!

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## Rare Villa Stamps

While the wife was cleaning house this spring, a box full of old stamps was unearthed, and it was found to contain several hundred sets of the interesting Mexican Revenues that were issued when Villa was rampant in Mexico.



The illustration herewith shows the set. The values we have are complete, from the 1 centavo to the 500 peso value. This set usually is offered at from 25c to 50c or even more when in the market. During the period in which it was issued, copies were sometimes used postally. It is a very interesting set, and is known as the Denver issue, because it was printed by a large lithograph house in Denver, Colorado, for the Villa Government.

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## PRECANCEL NEWS

Information regarding precancels and notes of interest should be sent direct to the Editors of this column.

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From New York City comes approximately 2,163 different precancels. The first one was issued in 1879, and the most recent issue is the Von Steuben. Nearly forty different fonts of type have been used to precancel their stamps and their first issues, are very interesting.

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## CANADIANS WILL HAVE TO LICK TWO STAMPS

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